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Wednesday, February 27,1952.

Meandering about the house to-day with the grandfather of all grippe settled in my larynx. A packet of letters, bills, etc. from the office to answer. The franc on the black market is around 480, on the official market at 350. As I deal exclusively in the latter, my terminal obligations appear immense. Quite properly, the shops which have never dunned me for prompt payment are now submitting accounts, the [redacted] existence of which I had carelessly forgotten. The house is bare as a sepulchre. Vast packing cases in the basement, and a constant flow of wines to Versailles.

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